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Student schools Kenney on abuse

GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCES

But leader insists he didn't call for outing to parents



**David P.
Ball**

Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton high schooler Dylan Chevalier has one reminder for Jason Kenney: "Being outed by someone else is probably the worst thing you can do for an LGBTQ person."

The 18-year-old president of Ross Sheppard high school's gay-straight alliance (GSA) was reacting Wednesday to Kenney's remarks suggesting parents be informed if their kids joined a GSA — unless there's evidence of "threats or abuse" at home.

"There's a reason you don't tell certain people," explained Chevalier. "You can't really determine whether the parents will be abusive, can you?"

"Letting parents know that an indi-

vidual is joining a GSA is outing that kid regardless.... You need to make sure you'll be safe if you come out."

The furor over the Progressive Conservative leader's comments came after Kenney told the Calgary Herald, "Parents have a right to know what's going on with their kids in schools."

"I don't think it's right to keep secrets from parents about challenges their kids are going through.... If there was any indication of threats or abuse, then of course you wouldn't share that information with the parents."

On Wednesday morning, Kenney posted on his Facebook page that his comments were being twisted out of context and the "best interests and safety of children must be paramount" in such decisions.

"Some are falsely claiming that I want to force schools to 'out' children to their parents," Kenney said. "This simply is not true. I have never said this, nor do I believe it."

Kenney said he has "trust" that school officials can "exercise their judgment" for each individual case.

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NDP fails on pledge to feed kids, group says

EDUCATION

Government urged to make good on \$60M funding vow

 **Jeremy Simes**
Metro | Edmonton

Alberta's NDP government is under fire for falling short on promises to create a province-wide school breakfast program.

A group of University of Alberta grad students called Student Advocates for Public Health (SAPH) urged the province Wednesday to fulfill its 2014 campaign pledge to spend \$60 million to help feed low-income children.

Alberta committed \$10 million in its latest budget for elementary lunch programs at 40 school boards — but the group pointed out that's \$50 million less than the initial pledge.

"At a minimum, we'd love to see the government commit that \$60 million," said Alexandra Kanters, a public health grad student with the U of A. "But what we'd like to see, ultimately, is a universal school foods strategy in Alberta."

Studies have shown dramatic improvements in grades and graduation rates when kids and teens have breakfast, including



Alexandra Kanters, a public health grad student at the University of Alberta, says the Alberta NDP needs to commit to its campaign promise of \$60 million for school breakfast programs across the province. KEVIN TUONG / FOR METRO

reductions in suspensions and sick days, according to the Canadian Child and Youth Nutrition Program Network.

Scott Hall — a teacher who helps with a student-run, K-12 breakfast and lunch program in the Ermineskin Schools in Maskwacis — said the program goes beyond ensuring full stomachs.

"It's really about serving their community," he said, referring to the students who

prepare the meals every day. "They're learning a whole bunch of skills they wouldn't have normally learned."

Hall said the school provides meals at a cost of 72 cents per student per day.

"We'd need about \$100 or \$120 million to bring this province-wide," he said. "But the benefits of that is Albertans are saving thousands of dollars (in grocery costs)."

In response to grad student

group's push, Education Minister David Eggen re-iterated the government's current and past commitments, which included \$3.5 million on a pilot lunch project for 14 school boards.

"Our government knows that students can't focus on learning if they're focusing on being hungry," he said in an emailed statement. "We will be sharing more details about the next phase of the (\$10 million) program next week."

REFUGEES

City keeping an eye on spring influx

 **David P. Ball**
Metro | Edmonton

The City of Edmonton is involved in meetings with immigrant and refugee nonprofits in case there's a springtime spike in refugees fleeing U.S. President Donald Trump's policies, as other provinces have seen recently.

The city's director of multicultural relations told Metro that she's been "keeping an eye" on the news, and was recently invited to a "meeting of a bunch of settlement partners" in the city to ensure there's coordination of services.

"We as a community came together pretty strongly around the Syrian work with about 80 stakeholders in Edmonton," Jennifer Fowler said in a phone interview Wednesday. "That group still meets and discusses any incoming trends. I anticipate us coming together in the next couple of weeks to have a conversation about ... those ending up here after crossing the border, if that happens."

Earlier this week, Metro reported that some Edmonton immigrant communities are hearing reports of people preparing to cross the border, and want to ensure the city is actively readying itself — and advocating to the provincial

and federal governments if there are gaps.

Milton Ortega, executive director of the Alberta Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies, told Metro his agency has so far seen "no proof" of a noticeable increase in refugee claimants seeking help from member agencies here.

Nonetheless, spurred by recent media coverage of an influx of border-crossers braving the cold to walk illegally into Manitoba and Quebec from the U.S., Ortega said settlement agencies in Alberta are closely watching the situation here.

And since February, his and other agencies have been meeting regularly to ensure they are prepared should it happen.

"As the winter comes to an end, we may see people trying to cross the border. But we haven't seen any actual proof of that yet."

Ortega said that even though immigration is a federal matter, and health, housing and education provincial, cities often end up being at the front line for newcomers, and have a vital tone-setting leadership role and a "lot to offer."

"If that dialogue starts on a position note, the response from the community will be different," he said. "They can send a positive message that we're welcoming these people."

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Breadmaking class helps students share their culture

Lucy Haines
For Metro | Edmonton

Many newcomers arrive in Canada with very little in the way of material possessions — but they haven't forgotten the recipes of home.

Sharing food is often the first connection people make to a new community, according to Laura Rogerson, the owner of Breadlove Artisan Bakehouse and Bread School.

That's why she's starting a new breadmaking course for 13 new Edmontonians.

Make It, Bake It, Grow is a six-week program for 13 men and women from countries like Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Colombia.

Students will learn how to take a food-focused idea and bring it to market.

"I call it creating entrepreneurs without borders. We'll help develop products and take it for a trial run at a pop-up market and then six weeks at the St. Albert Farmers' Market," says Rogerson.

"These people want to share their culture and their native foods—breads, sausages, ratatouilles, pastries—and at the same time learn English, food production, safety and selling skills, budgeting and more."

Volunteer translators will work with participants through the program, which is being supported by the City of Edmonton and non-profits like 1000 Families, Boyle Street Community Services and Bissell Centre.

"In northeast Edmonton, we're always trying to enrich communities and build relationships," says Marilyn McLean-Bourgeois, a community building social worker at the Clareview Recreation Centre.

I call it entrepreneurs without borders.

Laura Rogerson

where the class is located.

"People with culinary skills and entrepreneurial ideas may face barriers and not know how to begin. Laura's idea helps create cultural understanding—to bake bread together and break bread together."

Charging participants just \$25 — modest to some, but a challenge to others — gives people ownership in the program, says Rogerson.

She said she's had so many people wanting to take the program that she's already looking to do a second session.

"We all sit at the same table and can learn from each other," Rogerson says. "I had the will to create the program, but others have the skills to make this happen."



Breadlove entrepreneur and bread-making instructor Laura Rogerson wants to teach newcomers to Edmonton how to turn food-making skills into business. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

CRIME Police ask for help in death case

A year after the still-unsolved double homicide of a couple in a southwest neighbourhood, Edmonton Police are asking for the public's help.

Irfan Qureshi and Suzanne Tran were killed by gunshots at a duplex on 213 Street in March of 2016. Police are releasing a surveillance tape showing a suspect vehicle — a small, dark-coloured GM SUV — at the scene on the night of the crime in hopes it will trigger someone's memory.

EPS spokesperson Scott Pattison said the ongoing investigation needs concrete leads to proceed, and though the tape is only a 'scrap of evidence', it may lead to a break in the case.

"It's an opportunity on behalf of the family to make a plea, publicly. The family is still in shock over what happened. They're living in a relative nightmare, and are hoping there's evidence that comes forward," said Pattison.

"I look at his photo daily and talk to him," Nazima Qureshi, Irfan's mother, said.

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Would-be students elated, let down

EDUCATION

SAIT computer glitch sends emails to wider group



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

First there's the rush. Then excitement, as students eagerly refresh emails to see if they've been accepted to a program at one of Alberta's post-secondary.

But in Calgary, SAIT had some explaining to do, after an email was mistakenly sent to an unsuspecting audience.

On Tuesday, the city polytechnic school sent out emails to a wider net than expected, inviting newly accepted students to join a Facebook group so they could start networking — the only problem? The list of recipients hadn't been formally accepted into their programs.

"First and foremost we sin-

cerely apologize for this error, and we're sorry for any confusion it may have caused," said SAIT spokesman Chris Gerritsen. "A computer error sent emails to a wider group of contacts than was intended."

The technical error was immediately noticed, and an apology sent out within the hour.

Brian's wife was on that list, and for an hour, they both were taken by surprise. He's asked Metro not to use their last name, as she's still waiting to hear back about a program for which she's applied.

"Waiting for that and watch-

ing your inbox and seeing this one message, followed by a retraction shortly thereafter

was kind of an emotional roller-coaster," Brian said. "It's a bit of a kick in the pants; you have a lot riding on these decisions and applications, and then to find out one thing and immediately be pulled another way is really disheartening."

It's not clear how many people received the email.

"We're working toward looking at both the

process and technical aspects of the system and implementing steps to ensure it doesn't happen again," Gerritsen said.

No personal information was shared or compromised as part of the error.

Watching your inbox and seeing this one message, followed by a retraction was kind of an emotional roller-coaster.

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Tourism vs environment

PARKS

Advocates worry over impact of feds' proposed bike trail

It sounds like a no-brainer — a bike trail alongside a world-famous scenic highway through two of Canada's best-loved national parks.

But Parks Canada documents show the proposed trail down the Icefields Parkway between Banff and Jasper raises a host of complications, from damage to wildlife habitat to safety concerns and increased development pressure.

"It might sound like an innocent trail, but it also comes with other considerations," said Alison Ronson of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, which has opposed the current proposal.

The most recent federal budget contained \$66 million to develop a 107-kilometre bike trail from the Jasper townsite to the Columbia Icefields along the parkway. The trail could eventually extend all the way to Banff.

Cyclists currently hug a narrow shoulder along the highway.

Parks Canada is proposing a separate, paved route buffered from the busy road by 10 to 20 metres of trees.

Parks Canada is conducting public consultations and developing an environmental impact assessment.

No decisions have been made, said spokeswoman Audrey Champagne.

"A detailed impact analysis will be undertaken to ensure that Parks Canada has a clear understanding of the potential environmental impacts of the project and can address any risks or adverse consequences," she said in an email.

Environmental groups have expressed concerns.

Documents obtained under freedom-of-information legislation by researcher Ken Rubin and provided to The Canadian Press suggest Parks Canada officials have some of the same qualms.

The trail would lead through critical habitat for bats, olive-sided flycatchers and two species at risk — the mountain caribou and the whitebark pine.

Champagne said the trail would be aligned to prevent disturbance to the pines.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Mountain ranges seen from a helicopter tour near the Columbia Icefield in Jasper National Park. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Climate change shifting ecosystems

Climate change is pulling the environmental rug out from under the great majority of the parks and protected areas in North America, federal research suggests.

Marc-Andre Parisien, of the Canadian Forest Service, is a co-author of a paper that studies how shifts in climate are causing ecological regions in conserved areas to move.

"The climates that are in western Montana and the panhandle of Idaho and parts of Colorado are eventually going to be in Banff National Park," he said.

That means the temperature, precipitation, moisture and growing season that define Banff now will be pushed out. Canadian parks are likely to be most heavily affected, he said.

But changes are already happening, he said. Forests in the Edmonton area have already begun to change in response to a shifting climate.

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Parents 'outraged'

ONLINE

Photo of mom and son being used by site to 'fear monger'

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary couple is upset that a touching photo of the first moments their premature son was held by his mother has been used by a Canadian website to "fear monger."

Jessica Collinson gave birth to Hugo prematurely in 2015 and wasn't able to hold him until nearly 60 hours after the birth.

Mike Burritt, Collinson's partner and Hugo's dad, said the photo used by BabyGaga.com was actually a screenshot of a video Burritt submitted to Facebook group Love What Matters in 2015 that show Collinson "basically falling in love with our son" the first time she was able to hold him in the NICU.

Burritt said since 2015 they have had the video under copyright with a media company and are usually informed of its use.



Jessica Collinson, Hugo and Mike Burritt present day.

CONTRIBUTED

Further, he said it's not the fact that the video, or images from the video, are out in the public sphere, but that BabyGaga.com used them "totally out of context."

BabyGaga.com used an image from Burritt's video as the main photo for their article "15 Signs Mom-To-Be Might Go Into Preterm Labour."

"When I first saw it I was pretty outraged," he said. "After it went viral I knew it was out there — it was legitimately everywhere, and that doesn't bother us."

Burritt says it's the message of the article that upsets him.

"We wanted to use it to be inspiring and to show people

what's possible and not use it as a scare tactic for pregnant women out there telling them they could have their baby early, and it doesn't appear to have any science backing it up," he said.

David Felicissimo who works for BabyGaga.com's parent company Valnet Inc., said they own some "very well known major online editorial brands" and have licenses with various partners including AP Images, USA Today Images, Shutterstock and Barcroft.

"I assure you we have stringent copyright policies in place," he said, adding that the video is visible on other "various news stories."

He said there are also "other issues at play" including "fair use" which he explained is an exception to copyright law where work can be used without authorization for new reporting, criticism and education.

Burritt said he also reached out to BabyGaga.com but hasn't heard back from them.

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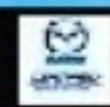
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Playoff fever hits the city hard

OILERS

Tears, beards and jerseys displayed in show of solidarity

Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

Mohammad Jaber had tears in his eyes Tuesday night.

"This is the second time, in my lifetime, that the Oilers made the playoffs," he said Wednesday, of the game where the Oilers edged out the Kings 2-1, clinching a playoff spot for the first time since 2006.

Mohammad Jaber was 13 in 2006 — when he fell in love with the Oilers.

"The passion fans have for the Oilers is special," he said.

A lot has changed since 2006 — back when Ralph Klein was premier, Twitter didn't exist and you could still rent DVDs at Blockbusters.

In Edmonton, Rogers Place was just a twinkle in Daryl Katz's eye, and Western Canada's soon-to-be tallest building, the 66-storey Stantec Tower, couldn't be built because planes could still fly out of the now-defunct City Centre Airport.

But the passion of Oil country has not faded, even after a decade.

Indy Randhawa grew his first beard



United Cycle brand manager Kelly Hodgson said the store's stocking up on memorabilia already. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

(a playoff beard) watching the Oilers play 11 years ago.

"I grew it through the playoffs but, when they lost, I shaved it off," he said with a sigh. "But if you're to look at me now, I have a pretty large beard."

Randhawa was in the crowd at

Rogers Place Tuesday night.

"It's been a long time since I've seen such energy in a crowd again," he said. "It was pretty great."

Retailers are also preparing for the onslaught.

United Cycle brand manager Kelly

Hodgson said the store is ordering more than double the usual number of Oilers jerseys and memorabilia.

"What's really, really cool is that we're going to see Oilers Nation come out again," he said. "It's going to be a crazy time."

Stanley Cup final.

Simpson said he anticipates crowds to be calmer this time around.

"We've got a lot more experience in terms of dealing with major events in the city," he said. "We'll have all the necessary resources that we need for that event given any contingency."

He added the playoffs are a time

to highlight positive aspects of the community.

"This is a great community we have, and we have a great sporting event and people are celebrating that," he said. "If there are individuals that chose to do things wrong, they will be dealt with appropriately."

JEREMY SIMES/METRO

SECURITY

Police prepare for post-season run, rowdiness

Edmonton police are gearing up for what's expected to be a fun and perhaps rowdy Oilers crowd after playoff game nights.

Deputy police Chief Brian Simpson said officers have gained more expertise and experience in crowd control since the team's last playoff run in 2006.

"We have seen some large crowds here and we've seen large events come to the city," he said. "It's just a natural evolution through that learning process, and it's been a good process."

Riots broke out on Whyte Avenue during the last playoff run, when the team clinched the Western Conference title and advanced to the

Stanley Cup final.

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NEED TO KNOW

Bandwagon 101: Read up

1 Know your players

Yes, Connor McDavid has been fabulous this season, but he isn't the only player on the team earning points. There's Leon Draisaitl, the German forward who has scored 26 goals and 44 assists so far this year. On top of that, there's Jordan Eberle (45 points), Milan Lucic (43 points), Patrick Maroon (39 points) and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins (39 points), among many other players you can Google.

2 Know your history

There's more to the Great One than just his name. Wayne Gretzky holds the record for most career regular-season goals (894), assists (1,963), points (2,857) and hat tricks (50). You can impress your friends with the fact the Oilers have won the Stanley Cup five times, in 1983-84, 1984-85, 86-87, 87-88 and 89-90. This remains the most championships won by any team since the NHL-WHA merger.

3 Don't assume they'll win

Yes, it could happen, but Oilers fans are a superstitious bunch. Keep in mind that the team is still developing, with a bunch of young players on the roster. They could be up against some of the best teams this season, like the Anaheim Ducks and San Jose Sharks. Playoff games also might be tight, as the point-margin between the teams is extremely close.

4 Be passionate

If you're going to cheer, you may as well roar. And when the team is down, don't lose faith. This isn't some game for people looking to kill time — Oilers fans want to be there and they'll pay to be there. METRO

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Wall invites Calgary firms to relocate

ENERGY

Saskatchewan premier offers businesses tax cuts, subsidies

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall is taking a turf war with Alberta to its economic heart, inviting energy companies based in Calgary to move their headquarters

to his province.

In a letter to Whitecap Resources dated Monday, Wall offers to subsidize relocation costs, trim taxes and royalties and help find space in unused government buildings if the oil and gas firm moves to Saskatchewan.

Wall cites reductions to corporate and personal income taxes promised in his recent provincial budget as further incentives, adding that his government has no intention of implementing a

carbon tax like the one Alberta did this year.

"Given these major tax changes and your production presence in our province, I would therefore like to formally ask you to consider a relocation of your head office from Calgary to Saskatchewan," reads the letter.

A spokesman for the premier confirmed the letter's authenticity.

The letter emerges in the wake of public bickering between

Notley and Wall over each other's provincial budgets. Neither was immediately available for comment.

Whitecap Resources CEO Grant Fagerheim said he's taking Wall's offer seriously but would only move if it would benefit his company's shareholders.

"It's a very pleasant offer from Premier Brad Wall but we have to look at that in much more detail," Fagerheim said.

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Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ECONOMY

Coal production hits three-decade low

The National Energy Board says Canadian coal production dropped to a three-decade low last year as demand waned.

Production came in at 60.4 million tonnes, a 12 per cent decline since 2013, and well off the peak of about 79 million tonnes reached in 1997, the NEB said Wednesday.

About half of Canadian production is thermal coal used in power generation, which is expected to see a steady decline as the country moves to largely phase out coal-fired power plants by 2030.

The NEB expects that by 2040 coal production will drop to 34 million tonnes, with almost all remaining production focused on higher-quality metallurgical coal used to make steel.

Ottawa is working to phase out coal-fired power plants as part of its plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The federal government is looking to have 90 per cent of Canada's electricity comes from non-emitting sources by 2030.

Ontario was one of the first jurisdictions in North America to eliminate coal as a source of electricity generation when it phased it out in 2014.

Alberta has also announced plans to gradually phase out its coal-fired power plants.

Bucking the trend, the Cline Group restarted thermal coal production at the Donkin mine in Cape Breton earlier this month after a 15-year hiatus.

On Tuesday, U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order reversing many of former president Barack Obama's climate change policies, including emissions limits on coal-fired power plants, in an effort to boost the U.S. coal industry.

Teck Resources Ltd. said Wednesday that winter weather, transportation issues and lower sales affected coal production in January and February, but that it still expects to produce 27 to 28 million tonnes of metallurgical coal this year to make up the bulk of Canadian production.

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'We can't afford to be hopeless'

Members of the South Sudanese diaspora in Canada watch the world's youngest country descend into abyss.



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

There are times when Emmanuela Bringi switches into panic mode — like when phone lines are cut off and she's unable to reach her relatives in South Sudan.

"You're always fearing the worst," said Bringi, a South Sudanese-Canadian in London, Ont. She's especially concerned about her wheelchair-bound grandmother who has diabetes and lives on her own in a country ravaged by constant interethnic conflict and a famine crisis.

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\$298.8 million
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\$1.6 billion
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1 out of 2

South Sudan has a population of 11.3 million. Of those, **5.8 million people are food insecure** and need humanitarian aid



100,000
People already suffering from famine

SOURCE: UN OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

"She can't even get access to health care because there are no clinics," she said, adding that many others have died from lack of health care and food. "It has become so normal to hear people talk about losing a family member, as if death is something that's just supposed to happen. It's not."

The United Nations has already declared a full-blown famine in two counties in Unity State, and nearly two-thirds of the country's entire population is food insecure. The situation is a direct result of the long-standing conflict that has killed thousands and forced nearly four million people out of their homes, making



ing them unable to work the fields or tend to cattle.

Even humanitarian intervention isn't spared. Just last weekend, six aid workers were killed in an ambush outside the capital city of Juba. Since 2013, at least 79 aid workers have lost their lives in South Sudan, according

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They need to stop the fighting.

Amanie Aman

to the UN.

As they watch the world's youngest country descend into abyss, members of the South Sudanese diaspora in Canada are running campaigns to contribute to relief efforts.

"Our morale is down but we

can't afford to be hopeless," said Joseph Kau, a student in Toronto struggling to send remittances to his two sisters and a brother in the country's south.

Toronto-based pop singer and model Amanie Aman, whose family came to Canada in the 1990s, believes the best solution to the famine lies in ending the chronic circle of violence.

"They need to stop the fighting," she said of President Salva Kiir and his main archrival Riek Machar. "That's when they'll be able to allocate proper funds towards actually feeding the people and allowing help and aid to come in."

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The South Sudanese diaspora across the country are leading efforts to collect funds and donate.

South Sudanese community in the GTHA will hold a fundraising event on May 20, at Howard Johnson Hotel in Kitchener. unicef.ca/stoptiefamine

Action Against Hunger runs emergency food and nutrition programs inside South Sudan, plus some

interventions on livelihoods and water and sanitation. To get involved or donate, visit actioncontrelafaim.ca/donate

World Vision is the biggest implementing partner of the World Food Program in East Africa. Private donations can be made at worldvision.ca

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TERROR

Remembering victims of the London attack

Police officers, Muslim youths and hundreds of others linked hands Wednesday on Westminster Bridge to honour the four people who died in an attack that started on the span a week earlier.

The bridge fell silent at 2:40 p.m. to mark the moment when Khalid Masood began mowing down pedestrians, killing three. Masood then fatally stabbed a policeman in a courtyard on the grounds of Parliament.

Police say Masood, a native Briton, was inspired by extremist ideology, but that there's no evidence he had direct links to the Islamic State group or al-Qaida. One 30-year-old man remains in custody; a second man was released without charge Wednesday.

Nurses and doctors from St Thomas' hospital, where many of the injured were treated, joined the vigil on the bridge, which was closed for the event.

Schoolchildren clutching yellow roses held signs reading, "Islam says no to terror" and "Please don't kill innocent people" as they walked across the span that crosses the River Thames. Hundreds of members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association wore T-shirts with the message "I am a Muslim, ask me anything".

The commemoration came as an inquest opened into the deaths of American tourist Kurt Cochran, 54, retired window cleaner Leslie Rhodes, 75, school administrator Aysha Frade, 44, and Palmer, 48.

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People take part in the event on the bridge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ITALY

Women could get paid menstrual leave

The Italian parliament is considering a bill that, if approved, would require employers to grant women three days of paid leave every month, according to the Washington Post.

To qualify for menstrual leave, the Post said, women would need a certificate from a medical specialist. The bill says that between 60 and 90 per cent of women suffer from painful periods.

Critics worry it might deter companies from hiring women.

"The demand for female employees among companies might decrease, or women could be further penalized both in terms of salary and career advancement," said Daniela Piazzalunga, an economist at research institute Research Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies.

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Anti-Brexit demonstrators at Downing Street in London, on Wednesday after Britain invoked Article 50 to start the process of withdrawal from the EU. GETTY IMAGES

U.K. files for divorce

BREXIT

It's Not EU, it's me: Britain leaving after 44 years

Britain filed for divorce from the European Union on Wednesday, with fond words and promises of friendship that could not disguise the historic nature of the schism — or the years of argument and hard-nosed bargaining ahead as the U.K. leaves the embrace of the bloc for an uncertain future as "global Britain."

Prime Minister Theresa May triggered the two-year divorce process in a six-page letter to EU Council President Donald Tusk,

vowing that Britain will maintain a "deep and special partnership" with its neighbours in the bloc. In response, Tusk told Britain: "We already miss you."

May's invocation of Article 50 of the EU's key treaty sets the clock ticking on two years of negotiations until Britain becomes the first major nation to leave the union — as Big Ben bongs midnight on March 29, 2019.

The U.K.'s departure could not come at a worse time for the EU, which has grown from six founding members six decades ago to a vast, largely borderless span of 28 nations and half a billion people. Nationalist and populist parties are on the march across the continent in revolt against the bloc's mission of "ever-closer union." And in Washington, President

52%

Percent of Britons that voted to leave the EU nine months ago.

Donald Trump has derided the EU, NATO and other pillars of Western order built up since the Second World War.

"This is an historic moment from which there can be no turning back," May told lawmakers in the House of Commons, moments after her letter was handed over to Tusk in Brussels by Britain's ambassador to the EU, Tim Barrow.

In the letter, May said the two sides should "engage with one

another constructively and respectfully, in a spirit of sincere co-operation."

But for all the warmth, the next two years will be a tough test of the notion that divorcees can remain good friends.

May is under pressure from her Conservative Party and Britain's largely Euroskeptic press not to concede too much in exchange for a good trade deal with the EU. For their part, the other 27 members of the bloc will need to stick together and stand firm as they ride out the biggest threat in the union's history.

"The European Union is a historically unique success story," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said in Berlin. "It remains one even after Britain's withdrawal."

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Eyes skyward for nature's light show

ASTRONOMY

Better-than-normal chance to see aurora borealis now

Canadians may be treated to an unexpected light show this week, according to the Weather Network.

In a Twitter moment posted on Tuesday, the Weather Network said "all of Canada has a chance to see the Aurora Borealis."

"If you have clear skies over

the next few nights, try to get outside and somewhere dark," the Twitter moment read.

People from across Canada, ranging from Strathmore, Alta., to Prince Albert, Sask., to Thunder Bay, Ont., posted photos on Twitter of the northern lights, which were visible Monday night.

And the aurora borealis could be visible as far south as the Great Lakes, according to the Weather Network.

The northern lights "appear as a result of activity on the sun's surface," according to Randy Attwood, executive director for The Royal Astronomical Society

of Canada.

"It releases highly energetic particles through its solar winds which interact with our magnetic field and atmosphere," Rachel Ward-Maxwell, a researcher-programmer in astronomy and space sciences with the Ontario Science Centre said.

"If the sun is particularly active that can result in a spectacular light show for us."

This week's light show is because of a crack in the sun's atmosphere known as a coronal hole, according to Yvette Cendes, a PhD student in astronomy at the University of Toronto.

This allows for more particles to "stream through than usual, triggering the northern lights."

"For the next few days, the hole is pointed towards Earth but as the sun rotates, it's going to be rotated somewhere else, not directly at us," Cendes said.

"The lights will likely look green in colour," Ward-Maxwell said. "Why not take the opportunity to go out and look at the skies? It's a very rare event. Most people don't get the opportunity to see it."

"Even if you don't get to see the northern lights, you still get to enjoy a starry night sky."

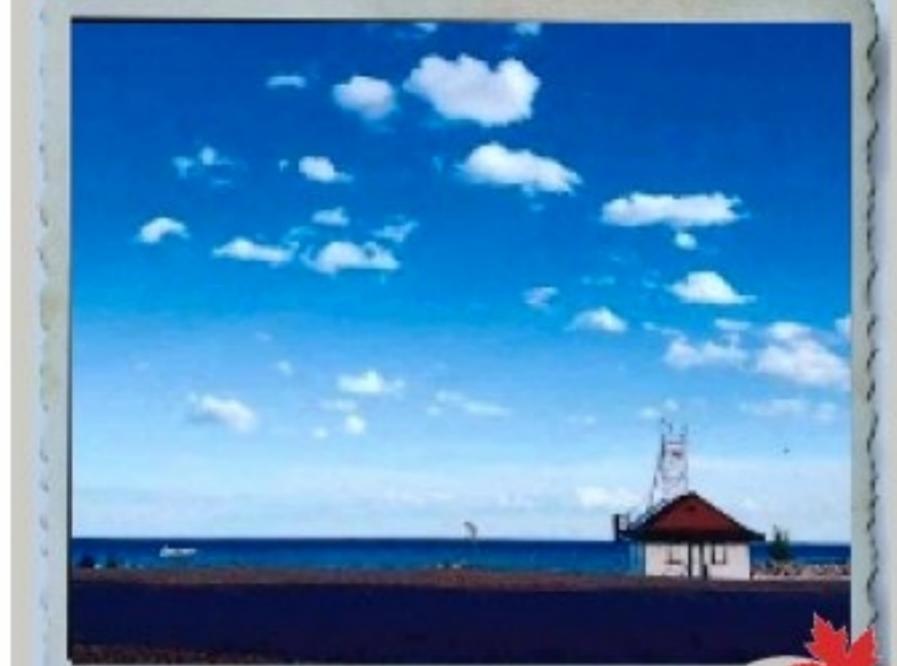
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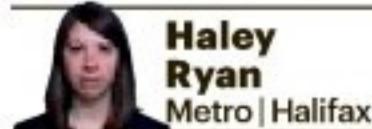


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COURT

Another Halifax taxi driver faces sex assault charges

 Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

The credibility and drinking habits of a young woman involved in a taxi sexual assault case were called into question Wednesday, although the Crown said any inconsistencies on "minute details" were understandable with hours of cross-examination, and the case is not about whether she

was intoxicated.

Saher H. Hamdan appeared at Halifax provincial court for a day-long sexual assault trial, related to events from July 15, 2016. The court heard Hamdan picked up the young woman and drove her to a friend's house in Halifax, where the complainant said Hamdan told her the payment system was down and needed to be re-started, offered her a cigarette, touched her leg

a few times without her consent, reached between her legs to pull a latch and slide back her seat, she heard the door lock, and he asked if he could kiss her, before her friend tapped on the window and she left the car.

"I was terrified," the complainant said in her testimony Wednesday.

"I'm not that big. I'm 19 years old, and I was sitting in the front seat of a cab that I was supposed

to be able to trust."

The Hamdan case comes less than a month after Judge Gregory Lenehan's decision to acquit taxi driver Bassam Al-Rawi of sexually assaulting a passenger who was passed out in his cab drew national attention.

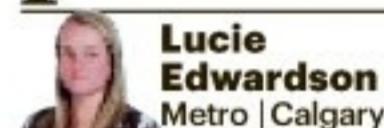
Hamdan turned himself in to police after a press release went out on July 21 and voluntarily identified himself as the driver. He did not testify Wednesday.

Judge Michael Sherar said a written brief from the defence would be needed relating to the complainant's credibility and whether her sexual integrity was violated, with a possible Crown response, and pushed ahead the matter until a transcription of the complainant's testimony could be made.

The matter will return June 9 for the brief, and to likely set dates for Sherar's decision.

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Parents' outrage at use of photo

 Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary couple is upset that a touching photo of the first moments their premature son was held by his mother has been used by a Canadian website to "fear monger."

Jessica Collinson gave birth to Hugo prematurely in 2015. Mike Burritt, Collinson's partner and Hugo's dad, said the photo used by BabyGaga.com was actually a screenshot of a video Burritt submitted to Facebook group Love What Matters.

Burritt said since 2015 they have had the video under copyright with a media company and are usually informed of its use.

Burritt said BabyGaga.com used it "totally out of context," as the main photo for their article "15 Signs Mom-To-Be Might Go Into Preterm Labour."

"When I first saw it I was pretty outraged," he said. "We wanted to use it to be inspiring ... and not use it as a scare tactic for pregnant women."

David Felicissimo, with BabyGaga.com's parent company Valnet Inc., said they own some "very well known major online editorial brands" and have licences with various partners such as AP Images. He said there are also "other issues at play" including "fair use."



Jessica Collinson and son Hugo. SCREENSHOT

CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE TORIES' LEADERSHIP RACE



Now that deadline has passed for Conservative rivals to sign up new members for the May leadership vote, here are a handful of observations on the fluid state of play in the battle for Stephen Harper's succession:

1. There are still 14 names on the Conservative ballot, but a consensus is emerging that the must-watch list is down to five. That may be a generous number. The names on the list are Kevin O'Leary, Maxime Bernier, Kelly Leitch, Erin O'Toole and Andrew Scheer.

For different reasons and to varying degrees, the first three are polarizing figures whose signature policies divide the party and have moderate appeal, to put it mildly, within the caucus of 97 MPs.

O'Leary and Bernier are the presumed front-runners.

But they may not be the second or third choice of enough Conservatives to go the distance.

That is even more true of Leitch. You either like her Trump-style approach to immigration issues a lot or dislike it intensely. There is no middle ground.

O'Toole and Scheer are locked in a battle to be the fallback candidate. That battle has been picking up speed over the past few weeks.

2. Harper's succession could have turned into a battle-by-proxy between the two factions that resumed their cohabitation within a reunified Conservative party over his decade in power. The old divide between former Tories

O'Leary and Bernier are the presumed front-runners.

There is little doubt that the choice of a polarizing leader, one who is unloved by his caucus to boot, would shrink the Conservative tent to the Liberals' advantage.

and ex-Reformers could have resurfaced over the yearlong leadership campaign.

That is not happening.

Or, at least, it is not happening in a defining way.

None of the presumed front-runners has emerged as a stalking horse for one or other of the two factions. If

has had a kind word for the identity-driven immigration policies promoted by Leitch.

3. If it were up to the Conservative caucus, neither O'Leary, nor Bernier (nor Leitch) would succeed Harper. A majority of Quebec MPs have declined to back Bernier. Most of them oppose his bid



OLD WOUNDS The race to replace Stephen Harper has not brought back the divide between former Tories and supporters of the Reform Party, Chantal Hébert writes. (Clockwise from top left: Kellie Leitch, Kevin O'Leary, Maxime Bernier, Erin O'Toole).

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anything, some of the leading figures on both sides of the Conservative schism of the recent past are looking beyond the front-runners for a possible successor to Harper.

From his new niche as Alberta's Tory leader, Jason Kenney used an editorial board meeting with Postmedia this week to warn Conservative members against O'Leary. He says the reality-TV star is unqualified to lead the federal party.

On Tuesday, former Progressive Conservative leader Peter MacKay showed up at a fund-raising event for Ontario MP Erin O'Toole.

Neither Kenney nor MacKay

to end supply management in the dairy industry and his contention that the federal government should not have helped the auto industry at the time of the global economic crisis or, more recently, aerospace giant Bombardier.

In the battle for caucus endorsements, O'Toole and Scheer have the leading roles. Whether that will help either of them bridge the distance from second to the top tier is an open question. But, for many MPs, the choice at this juncture seems to hinge on which of those second-tier candidates has the best chance of coming up the middle.

4. As they watch part of the

Conservative establishment scramble to prevent O'Leary from parlaying his celebrity status into the leader's job, the Liberals and the NDP have no cause to be smug about their own selection process. They are not immune to an O'Leary-style stunt.

At least the Conservatives, by giving each riding equal weight in the leadership vote, have some safeguards in place to make it harder for a social media rock star to turn his or her following into a flood of supporters.

The New Democrats elect their leader through the universal suffrage of their members, without distinction of region or riding. It is not necessary to become a full-fledged party member to participate in a Liberal leadership vote. It is enough to be a sympathizer.

Under a straight one-member-one vote leadership formula, O'Leary, whose main asset in this campaign has been name recognition, might have a bigger lead on the competition than he does under the weighted Conservative process.

5. There is little doubt that the choice of a polarizing leader, one who is unloved by his caucus to boot, would shrink the Conservative tent to the Liberals' advantage.

Anyone who covered the near-implosion of the Canadian Alliance under Stockwell Day 15 years ago has first-hand knowledge of the perils of electing a leader who is not equipped to command or keep the respect of his or her caucus.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

How to talk to a black woman at work in 12 easy steps

Vicky Mochama
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U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters was doing one of her "The president is a lying nepotist who is running a kleptocracy and he has got to go" speeches. Upon hearing this gospel, Fox News host Bill O'Reilly was struck dumb, because he then said a dumb thing: "I didn't hear a word she said. I was looking at the James Brown wig."

You're not going to disrespect a black woman without hearing about it, no sir. O'Reilly's comment inspired the #BlackWomenAtWork hashtag. Scrolling through, it was clear that so many bosses, colleagues and clients don't know how to talk to professional black women.

To help fix racism, I have put together a handy guide for them.

HOW TO TALK TO A BLACK WOMAN AT WORK

1. Ask about her hair.
2. Ask if the hair on her head belongs to her.
3. During work hours, ask if she washes her hair.

4. Use relatable and evocative language to describe to her the texture of her own hair. For example, "It feels like horsehair," and "It's like a rope."

5. Be sure to compliment her by saying – no, insisting – that she looks so different now that she's changed a tenth of her body that you didn't even recognize her! Say something like, "I see you almost every day but you are unrecognizable."

12. When Flora and Galadriel (confirm with HR) complain you've promoted Robert while they have Master's degrees, disarm with charm by saying, "Hey, girl, heyyyy. Love your hair, my woes."

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able now that you have done a new thing with the top of your head." She will be thrilled her efforts have been recognized.

6. Be culturally aware by speaking to her on issues that matter to her. For example, her hair and how it has changed recently.

7. Build bridges with your colleague by running your hands through her hair. It's the personal touch that matters.

8. Hire a second one. You can't mistake two distinctly different black women for each other if you only have one!

9. When you mistake her for the other black woman at work, she will be comforted to know that you "meant the other one."

10. Now that there are two of them, it may seem as if they are only interested in talking to you about hair. Get to know your black female colleagues more during informal conversations about Africa, basketball, Barack Obama and that time you saw someone who might have been Denzel Washington but wasn't.

11. Help them (Fatima and Gloria? Gladys and Phyllis? It's an F-sound and a G-sound...) with their careers! Point them to opportunities suited to their skills, like typing courses.

More advanced opportunities like travelling for work should be saved for Robert Windingfield, the intern who could really use the experience.

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Hynes shares a bit of home

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Author's new novel is set in Newfoundland, a place he loves

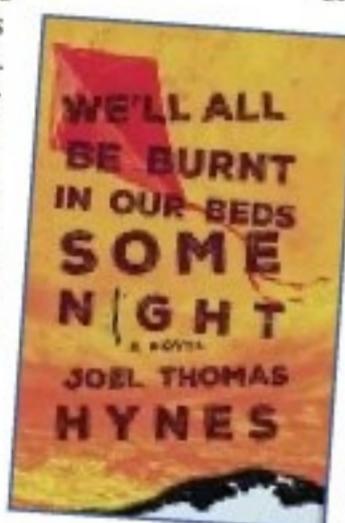
Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

For a good chunk of the year, Joel Thomas Hynes lives in a flat in Toronto's Beaches neighbourhood. Here he is close to his teenage son, actor Percy Hynes White, and to his own acting work on film and television, for shows like *Eyewitness* and *Orphan Black*.

But come mid-May, the itch hits and the author heads for the road back home to Newfoundland. Except for last year, when he was already on the ferry, and got a call for a last-minute gig back in Ontario.

"When you come from Newfoundland, which has a small population, the industries are not huge so there's only so far you can go. You can't just be one thing in Newfoundland," says the multi-talented Hynes, who is also a filmmaker, musician and a playwright.

Right now, Hynes is taking a break in Dallas to chaperone Percy, who was cast in the new Marvel X-Men television series. But when he arrives back on the Rock, Hynes gets on his motorcycle and heads to his small house in the woods. "Newfoundlanders always have a tendency to go home. We



have a very fierce relationship with the island," he says. Hynes craves the solitude, which suits his needs as a writer. "I live a very, very simple quiet existence for a couple months, then I go back to the big city."

Since his first novel, 2004's *Down to the Dirt*, Hynes has gained an international reputation as a bad boy of Canadian literature, thanks to his tough, violent protagonists, all anti-heroes with a predilection for booze, drugs and destructive relationships. His new book, *We'll All Be Burnt in Our Beds Some Night*, remains in the milieu of his other novels, recognizable for its immersive colloquial language and darkly comic situations (an accidental hot tub enema is most memorable).

Here, Johnny Keough is awaiting trial for the assault of his girlfriend, Madonna, who he claims ran into a teapot he was holding while making "a run at him." When Madonna doesn't appear at court — turns out she was the victim of an unrelated fatal accident — a heartbroken Johnny takes off on a road trip to British Columbia to scatter her ashes on what he believes was her favourite beach (even if he doesn't exactly remember its name).

Although this novel marks the first time one of Hynes' protagonists has ventured off the island, Newfoundland is still the book's beating heart. Hynes observes a small, raw slice of a culture that won't appear in tourism ads or Broadway musicals, but one that is universal to hardscrabble small-town life. Hynes says this book was his toughest challenge to date and admits that in the past he's received pressure to



Multi-talented artist Joel Thomas Hynes sets his novel in a place he loves: Newfoundland, he says of his new book, *We'll All Be Burnt in Our Beds Some Night*. CONTRIBUTED

try a different style or setting to avoid a reputation as a "regional writer." But, despite the book's travelling narrator, he hasn't backed down.

"Why can't I have Newfoundland and set my writing in a place that I love?"

Hynes may not be done with

writing about home, but he does believe that Johnny may be the last of his badass characters.

"The story is not autobiographical, though elements certainly are, and I maintain it's emotionally true," he says. "I figure I'm not in it to make millions, I'm in it to communi-

cate what is true to me and a lot of themes and issues that have come up in my own life remain important to me on some level."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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ADDICTION

Cocaine ruined my career, Odom says

Lamar Odom says he's "a walking miracle" after being found unconscious with cocaine in his system in a Nevada brothel in 2015.



Odom tells US Weekly he hid his cocaine use from ex-wife Khloe Kardashian for a while, but she found out about two years before their 2013 split. Odom blames cocaine for helping end his NBA career. He says "drugs killed my drive to want to train and be in shape."

NEW IMAGE

Rapper Nicki Minaj signs to strike a pose

The Wilhelmina talent and modeling agency has signed Nicki Minaj. "She is a style pioneer and an icon," Wilhelmina CEO Bill Wackermann said about the six-time American Music Award winner's influence on the fashion and beauty industry.



Minaj is known for bold and often risqué looks. She was filmed posing in a black-and-silver dress and jeweled headpiece on Westminster Bridge, reportedly for a new video promoting a track she collaborated on with Drake and Lil Wayne.

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The ex facing the wrath of Reese Witherspoon

BIG LITTLE LIES

Canadian says being on set is like big leagues of TV

Nova Scotia native James Tupper says being among the group of A-list stars on HBO's hit *Big Little Lies* is the best thing that's happened to his career.

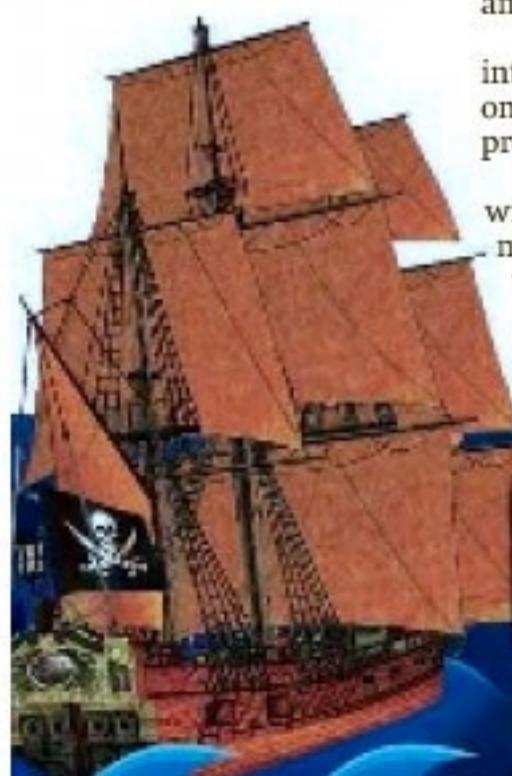
Tupper plays the easygoing ex-husband to Reese Witherspoon's acerbic character in the darkly comedic murder mystery, which creator-writer David E. Kelley based on Liane Moriarty's bestselling novel.

Other cast members on the limited series, which follows the complicated lives of three mothers after a murder in the seaside town of Monterey, Calif., include Nicole Kidman, Shailene Woodley, Laura Dern, Zoe Kravitz, Alexander Skarsgård and Adam Scott.

Tupper says Witherspoon slyly established the bitter chemistry between their characters, who share custody of their daughter, before the cameras even started rolling.

"She was like, 'Hi, James,' she was very pejorative, a bit caustic," he says with a laugh.

"So we would get into the scenes and we'd do them and at the very end she opened up to me in this lovely way, because she's such a sweet and earnest and open person, and we ended up now having a friendship.



Nova Scotia's James Tupper and Zoe Kravitz star in HBO's hit series *Big Little Lies*. CONTRIBUTED

"But the whole time we were doing it I wasn't quite sure. I was like, 'Uh, hi, Reese.'"

The show is making headlines for its realistic portrayal of domestic violence, based on a storyline involving the characters played by Kidman and Skarsgård.

"You get a chance to delve into the psychology and that's one of the things I'm probably proudest of," says Tupper.

"If you get to participate with a group of artists and make something that's really truthful, that's about the highest you can go, in my opinion. They don't skim

the surface.... It's really gnarly."

Tupper credits a fellow Canadian — Quebec's Jean-Marc Vallee, who directs the show — with giving him the opportunity.

"I'll always be a small-town boy from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia," he says from Los Angeles, noting his East Coast family is practically speechless over his success on the show.

"But just to be in that group of names is obviously the best thing that's happened to my entire career. When you get up to that level, I call it the NBA level, like the top level — everybody is very, very good at

their job and very open about working with people. They want the thing to work and they're supportive and give it every reason to succeed."

The former star of *Men in Trees*, *Revenge* and *Aftermath* says Vallee was his advocate from the beginning when he auditioned for the role of Nathan on *Big Little Lies*.

"Jean-Marc is one of the most open and giving human beings and I feel like when I went in and auditioned for this, he was one of the really big reasons I got it," says Tupper.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Sal tests our faith in this dark comedy

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Season 1, Episode 2 (CraveTV)

THE MOMENT: Repainting Jesus

The crucifix statue at Father Luke's (Scott Thompson) Sudbury church fell and cracked. The timing is auspicious, since Luke just helped his parishioner Maria (Jennifer Dale) tell her slacker son Sal (Dylan Taylor) that he's the second coming of Christ. Father Luke's assistant Rajani (Priya Rajaratnam) returns from the hardware store with paint to repair the statue.

"Dark tan paint?" Luke asks.

"Since we're repainting him, why not use a shade that's more reflective of the truth?" she counters.

He launches into a discourse about how people prefer to remember Elvis Presley as handsome rather than fat.

"So a historically accurate dark-skinned Jesus is offensive and hard to look at, whereas the manufactured white version is more palatable and pleasing to the eye?" Rajani asks.

"Exactly," Luke says. "Now please go back to the store and get me some flesh-toned paint. My flesh tone."

It's a Sudbury Sunday morning here, as hoser Sal struggles to do good works. His idea of that may be taking a homeless man to a rub-and-tug parlor, but as Luke admits in Episode 1, if Christ came today he might be an ass who tests our faith.

So far Sal is testing mine. The show's mix of crass humour and swipes at the corruption of organized religion ("Facts are for cowards," Luke says) feels a bit uneasy, as is Sal's quest to atone for bullying a boy who ended up killing himself.

The show feels freshest when Sal's at his least repentant and his good works are accidental.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Maria (Jennifer Dale) is convinced her son Sal (Dylan Taylor) is the second coming of Jesus Christ. CONTRIBUTED

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When you're itchin' for a tidy kitchen

Of all the rooms in the house, the kitchen is the most complicated with the sheer amount of things it contains. Appliances, food, gadgets, containers, utensils, plates, cups, trash cans, recycling, cookbooks, decor items — it's just a relentless soup of 'stuff.' Here are some ways to corral kitchen clutter and make the most of your space

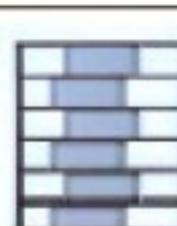
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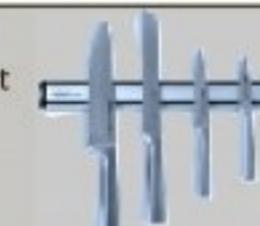
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Go verticle: If you've got the room, add a good-sized shelf. Even larger ones have small footprints — it's mostly vertical space we're talking about here. We like this Chicago bookcase for its unique, off-kilter design with open and closed-back spaces that provide nice backgrounds for showing off beautiful bowls, stacks of books, china tea cups and baskets of linens. \$659 (regularly \$999) at Structube.



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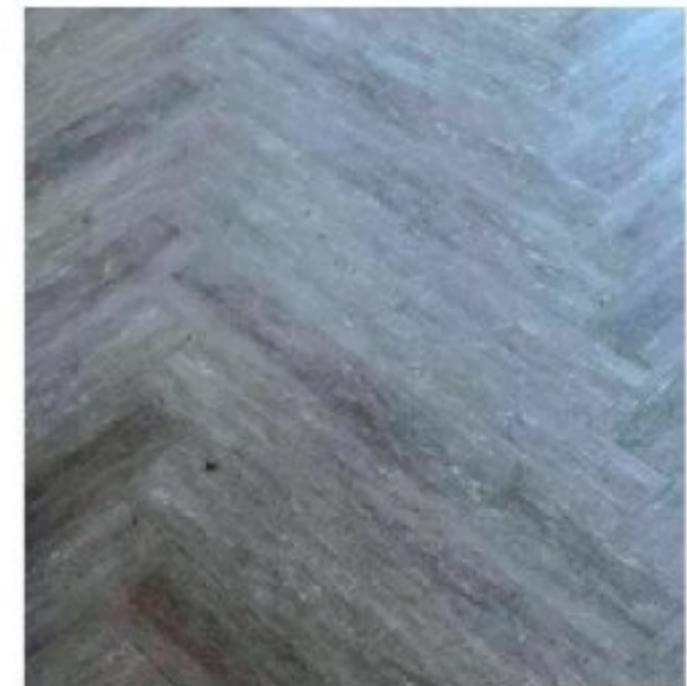
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Horrific goalie masks a part of hockey history

Sean Plummer

There is no evidence to suggest that Jason Voorhees was employed as a Canadian goalie prior to his death by drowning in the original Friday the 13th (1980) film.

Indeed, the infamous supernatural serial killer from Camp Crystal Lake only took up his scary goalie mask in 1982's Friday the 13th Part III (before then, a burlap sack hid his deformed features).

But Jason was not the first scary guy to don frightening facial apparel. Montreal Canadiens goaltender Jacques Plante was eager to avoid another broken nose when he took to the ice on November 1, 1959.

1959

To avoid another broken nose, Montreal Canadiens goaltender Jacques Plante started wearing a crude fibreglass mask in 1959.



Boston Bruins goalie Gerry Cheevers used to cover his mask in stitches. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Say cheese!

Canadian love for macaroni and cheese — a.k.a. mac 'n' cheese — did not begin with the '90s-era Barenaked Ladies song "If I Had \$1,000,000."

Macaroni and cheese was a 19th century import that came courtesy of British immigrants. Meanwhile, Kraft Dinner, a global foodstuff arguably most loved by Canadians (we consume some 55 per cent more than Americans), was first introduced to our country in 1937.

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Ready for his playoff close-up



Blue Jackets
blue-liner
Seth Jones
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NHL

Jones leads crop of young defencemen with big roles

When Seth Jones entered the NHL, coach Barry Trotz saw a player not intimidated by pressure or expectations.

The son of former NBA power forward Popeye Jones, already a No. 1 defenceman in his fourth season, is now about to face the biggest challenge of his career. In a couple of weeks, Jones and 19-year-old Columbus Blue Jackets defence partner Zach Werenski will go up against opponents' top players in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

"They've got two dynamic people," Trotz said. "I know Jonesy, he's been in the league a few years so he's got some experience. Werenski is a real gem of a talent."

Youth along the blue line will be served this post-season. Jones and Werenski are among more than two dozen defencemen under the age of 24 filling prominent roles.

Along with Jones — who

BY THE NUMBERS

10

The Edmonton Oilers' playoff drought is over after 10 seasons, by far the longest in the illustrious franchise's almost 40-year history.

25

The Detroit Red Wings' playoff streak is over after 25 seasons, the third-longest run in NHL history. Detroit last missed in 1989-90 and have won four Stanley Cups since.

played six playoff games with the Nashville Predators in 2015 — the Edmonton Oilers have a 23-year-old top defenceman in Oskar Klefbom, the Toronto Maple Leafs another in Morgan Rielly and the Ottawa Senators ask a lot out of 23-year-old Cody Ceci.

There's also Matt Dumba and Jonas Brodin in Minnesota, Colton Parayko in St. Louis, Brandon Carlo in Boston and Brady Skjei with the New York Rangers. They could all soon be confronting the same thoughts Oli-

ver Ekman-Larsson experienced during his first NHL post-season.

"I was just excited to be on the ice with those guys and not try to get burned by some superstar," the Arizona Coyotes defenceman said. "It feels like everybody's stepping up a couple levels and it's a different style of hockey."

With the pressure on last spring, young Washington Capitals defencemen Dmitry Orlov and Nate Schmidt made mistakes that turned them into healthy

scratches after being lineup mainstays during the regular season. Trotz called it "next-level hockey" and said the first post-season taste can be eye-opening for young players.

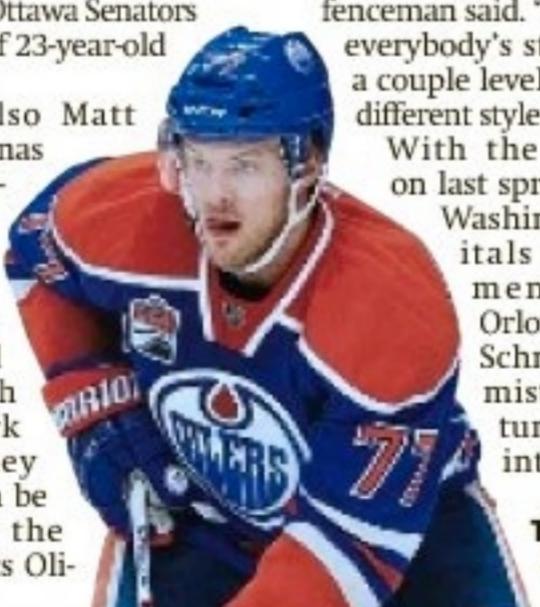
Rielly, who could help the Maple Leafs to their second playoff appearance in 12 seasons, expects to "learn on the fly" alongside 22-year-old Connor Carrick and with the help of coach Mike Babcock.

"Every day, you're facing new challenges," Rielly said. "We have a great coach who's played in these games his whole career as a coach.... He certainly knows how to handle it."

Trotz said Werenski has adjusted well and that the Blue Jackets put him in the right situations, and Jones seems to have spent the entire season preparing for his playoff close-up.

"I've taken strides with my consistency," Jones said. "That was probably my biggest struggle was consistency in my game. So this year playing alongside Zach as well I've been a lot more consistent with my game defensively and offensively."

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The Oilers have come to rely on 23-year-old defenceman Oskar Klefbom. GETTY IMAGES



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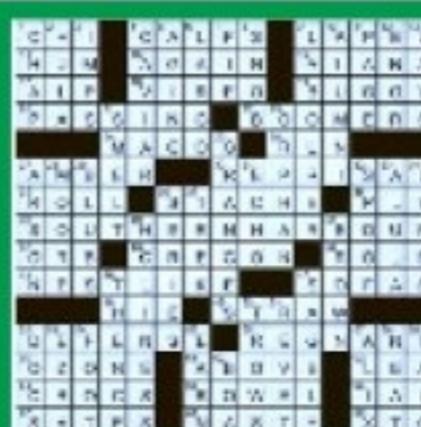
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MAKE IT TODAY

Crunchy Asparagus Fries



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

You'll never look at asparagus the same way again after you try this crunchy version of a fry.

Ready in 30 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 bunch of fresh organic asparagus, cleaned and ends snapped off
- 1/2 cup spelt flour
- 1/4 cup panko
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup multi-grain bread crumbs
- 1 tsp ground garlic
- 2 eggs
- salt and pepper
- 1 tsp olive oil

Directions

1. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray and set aside.

Preheat the oven to 375.
2. Place spelt flour on a plate. In a wide, shallow bowl, whisk the eggs with a fork. Then mix panko, parmesan cheese, bread crumbs and garlic in another wide, shallow bowl. Now you've got your dredging station ready.

3. Taking three or four stalks of asparagus at a time, coat them in flour, then drop them in the egg. Finally, roll them in the panko mixture and place them on the prepared baking sheet, leaving a bit of space between them. Repeat until you've finished the entire bunch of asparagus. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

4. Pop the baking sheet in the oven and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the breading is golden brown and crisp.

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*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might have thoughts today about how to revolutionize a marriage, partnership or close friendship. Maybe these are ideas percolating in your mind for some time?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Because this is a year where you can get a better job or improve your existing job, you are full of big ideas! Today some of these ideas might come to fruition.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You might take a new approach to dealing with kids, as well as vacations and the time that you take for fun and pleasure. You need to balance work and play!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is the year when you can figure out how to get your dream home. Today you might have ideas about how to improve your existing home or get another one. Exciting!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might be surprised by the ideas you have to introduce improvements to your world. It's encouraging. New ideas lead to new results and a new future.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Many of you see new ways of making money. Many of you also see better ways of taking care of what you already own.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It's almost as if something is in the air, because you are keen to make improvements for yourself and the world around. This is a healthy attitude!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Many of you have been more tuned in to your spiritual world than usual. You are aware that what goes on inside affects things that go on outside.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your relationship with a friend or perhaps a group is changing now. Fortunately, it's changing for the better; and this is a good thing.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This year you'll make an excellent impression on your world, especially on bosses, parents and VIPs. Today you might have ideas about how to do this.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel plans, as well as plans to get further education, are exciting! This week you might consider doing something you never thought you would do before.

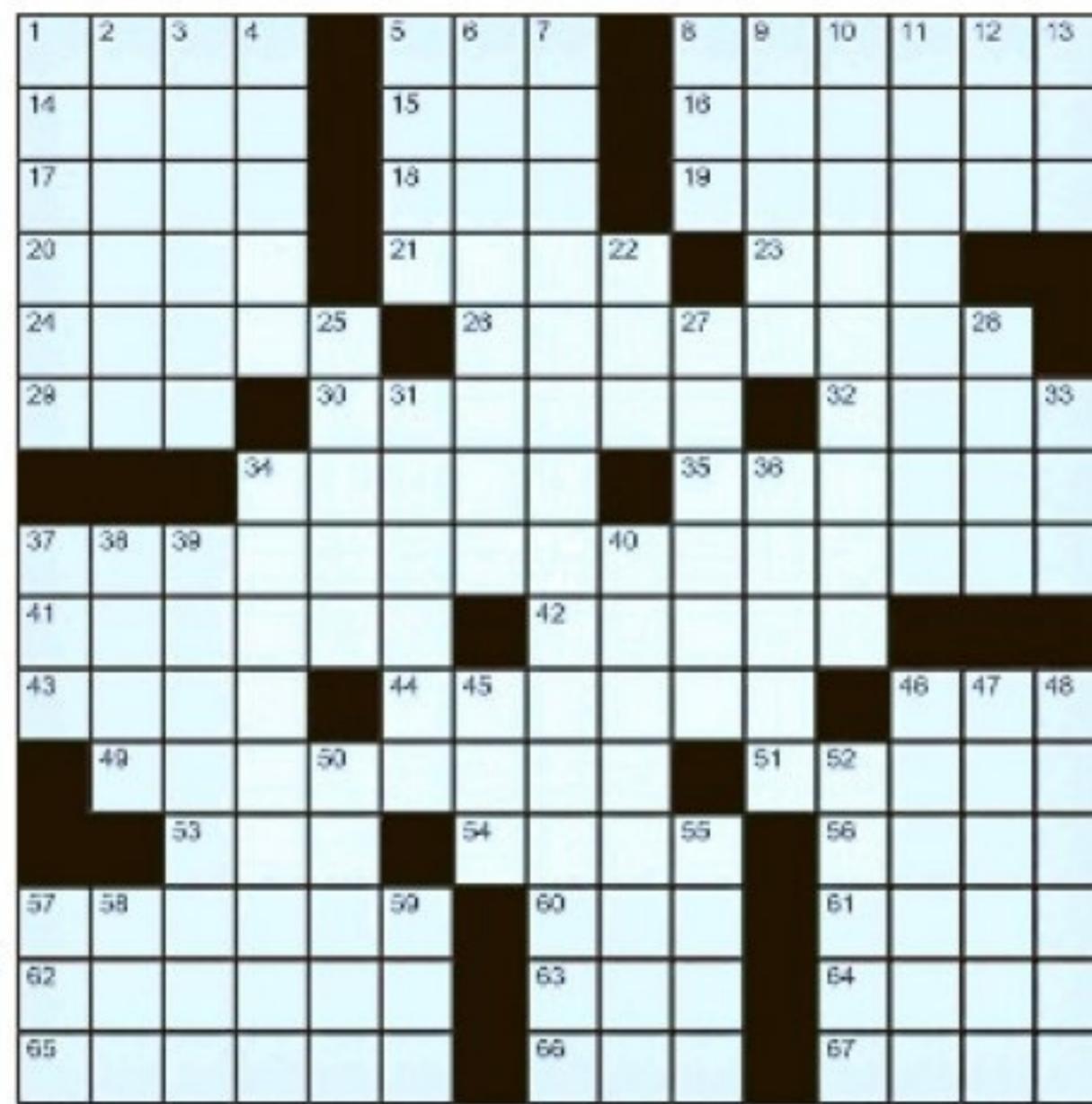
Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You can improve the arrangements you have about inheritances, wills and shared property. Something will happen this year that benefits you.

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

1. Prep the baking flour
5. Movie studio
8. Sophisticated sofa
14. Understood
15. "Give ___ chance!" (Come on, please!)
16. Yukon: ___ National Park and Reserve
17. ___ of Man
18. Eggs packaging [abbr.]
19. Pro dancer of DWTS fame, Louis Van ___
20. Donkey/horse
21. "Woe ___!" (Boo-hoo!)
23. 'Dial' add-on
24. Nudges
26. Nepean, Ontario born star: 2 wds.
29. Archery wood
30. Alberta Badlands: Pillar-shaped geological formation with a flat top
32. Ark guy
34. Category
35. Policing weapons
37. Michelangelo's David of 1504 and Moses of 1515: 2 wds.
41. Texas city: 2 wds.
42. "End of the Road" by Boyz ___
43. Torch the iron
44. Victorian-style overcoat
46. Bread roll variety
49. Step all over
51. Oil ___
53. ___ degree
54. Have ___ (Taste the beverage)
56. Tomato variety
57. 'Orange' tea



selections
60. Belonging to Knoxville's li'l state
61. Cognizant of the confidentiality: 2 wds.
62. Bettors
63. Initials-shareers of Barbra Streisand's first husband

64. Light fog
65. David Bowie's ___ Love
66. Q-U's middle
67. Stars in scenes

DOWN
1. Hardly habilitated
2. Be a Sun Life Finan-

cial customer
3. Gent
4. Canadian wife of rocker Gene Simmons, Shannon ___
5. Gladiator's 2101
6. Becomes ticked: 2 wds.
7. Nuclear explosion or #51-Across: 2 wds.
8. Music style
9. ___ Gantry" (1960)
10. 2003 romantic comedy starring #26-Across and Diane Lane, "Under the ___"
11. Skin pic applier
12. Mariner's dir.
13. Tube-shaped fish
22. Rock produ-

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